

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 8, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Norman Winkler, Janet Kile, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman Jerry Kent, Deborah Adams, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the July 8, 2012 were approved as presented on a motion by Warren Norris, seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

### **HEALTH**

Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the advertising of a \$7,020.00 additional appropriation in the Health fund. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Health Department Administrator Terri Nigh explained this was to replenish the appropriation that was over spent earlier in the year on employee health insurance. The error was caught and the monies returned to the fund. The additional appropriation is needed to complete the remaining of the budget year.

Jerry Kent made the motion to approve the advertising of the \$11,934.92 additional appropriation for the Indiana Trust Health Account. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Nigh informed the council that the additional appropriation is for the purchasing of medical supplies.

### **AREA PLAN**

Kate Singleton, Area Plan Director, asked for the authority to hire a part-time temporary building inspector. Singleton informed the council that she is not capable of performing the building inspections. Jack Harmon has been assisting Bill Todd in the past with building inspections. Singleton noted that funds are available. Jerry Kent made the motion to approve the hiring of the position. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

Chet Walker, Boys and Girls Club Director, thanked the council for their past support and shared his appreciation for their future support. The cost of sponsoring a child is still currently \$225.00 and has not increased.

### **SHERIFF**

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported fifty-three (53) inmates currently incarcerated in the Rush County jail.

Kevin Spilman made the motion to approve a \$1,140.00 transfer from K-9 Maintenance (224-1000-3-1) into K-9 Supplies (224-1000-2-1). Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sherwood estimated a \$7,400.00 profit from the K-9 golf outing.

Jerry Kent made the motion to approve the advertising of the \$3,800.00 Additional Appropriation for the K-9 Contribution Fund #224-1000-3-1 supplies. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sherwood noted that he will pay the city their share of the profit from the golf outing from the K-9 Fund.

Sherwood reported that the 2013 fuel bids were accept at a rate of 2.88 per gallon.

Leigh morning was able to negotiate a two (2) year agreement with Code Red.

### **E.C.D.C.**

Jim Finan, E.C.D.C. Executive Director, asked that the 2013 E.C.D.C. contribution remain the same. Finan reported that the staff has been increased with the addition of Carolyn Bunzendahl.

Finan provided updates on:

- wind farm development
- 75 acres under option at St. Paul/I-74 exit
- EDA has awarded a \$1.6 million grant, that will be announced later today. The North Industrial Park will be able to be more aggressively marketed

Local citizen Chaney Pike shared his concerns following Finan's report. Pike stated that people are tired of hearing of projects that do not materialize. Pike finished with stating that the county budgets will need to be cut and this is a good place to start.

### **INTERLOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL**

Discussion was held regarding the City of Rushville asking the County to share the remaining of the funding 2012 budget. The City had met Tuesday, August 7, 2012 and is asking the county to share the 2013 budgeted \$43,988.00 expenses.

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood did note that 60% of the animals detained at the facility are county animals.

The commissioners have only committed funding for the remaining of the 2012 budget year. The interlocal agreement is written through the year 2016. The council members expressed their concern of there not being a county oversight person involved.

Jerry Kent made the motion to approve and sign the Interlocal Animal Control Agreement. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **AMBULANCE COMMITTEE**

The Ambulance committee will meet at 4:00 today. Janet Kile reported that the City of Rushville has indicated that they needed an answer today. Kile shared her concerns that everything was moving too fast. Kile shared that a feasibility study should possibly be completed prior to making any decisions.

Jerry Kent reported that the last meeting was positive. Kent indicated that the City has not made contact with Rush Memorial Hospital to becoming a sponsoring hospital. Kent did agree with Kile on:

- look at the cost.
- unknowns are a concern.
- pleased with the current service.
- suggested slowing down.
- do not need two (2) services.

A few council members suggested reviewing protocols and dispatch. Jerry Kent did question Sheriff Sherwood how dispatch would tone two (2) services. Sherwood explained that his department would look at the territory from which the call was made.

There were questions surrounding the medical services offered. The council felt they had a lot of questions that still needed answers. President Gerald Mohr instructed the committee to meet, slow down the process and bring it back to the remaining council members.

### **BUDGET 2013**

Deborah Adams, Auditor, had previously forwarded budget documents to the council. Adams reviewed the Budget Form 3 that is advertised in the newspaper. Adams reminded the council members of the public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, August 29, 2012.

The Budget form 4-b were also provided and reviewed reflecting the advertised budget and a bare bones budget.

A fund comparison of the major county funds was provided for the council members. This is a seven year to year comparison.

The circuit breaker impact by fund was provided to the council. Adams explained that the impact was deducted from the December tax settlement when preparing the each budget. The circuit breaker impact by taxing district was also provided to the council members. The total overall circuit breaker impact for Rush County is \$2,804,684.34

Adams reported that she is very close to certifying Net Assessed Values for the county. She will again withhold 2% which is allowed for the consideration for appeals. The budgets were calculated by the state using 85% of the 2011 certified NAV.

Adams shared and discussed the State Board of Accounts recent memo of July 24, 2012. The memo resulted in counties no longer commingling income tax certified shares and distributive shares with property tax dollars.

Beginning in the 2013 budget, the SBOA has instructed counties to use these CAGIT County Certified Shares funds a separate fund for tax relief. A separate CAGIT Certified Shares budget has been prepared along with a shadow budget. Adams reported that Gerald Mohr, Bruce Levi, Jeff Sherwood and herself all met. Jerry Kent was not able to attend. The commissioners were aware of the group discussion as Adams had previously discussed the commissioner and courthouse individual budget with each of them separately. A shadow budget has also been prepared within the general fund. This will allow the council some wiggle room during the September budget hearings.

Adams reminded council members that Wednesday, September 12 is the scheduled budget hearings with departments. The non-binding reviews will also be done on September 12. Thursday, September 13 are scheduled budgeted hearings. The final budget adoption is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2012.

#### **E.C.D.C.**

Janet Kile addressed the concerns voiced by local citizen Chaney Pike. Kile stated that she could find as many people for economic development as Mr. Pike finds against economic development. Kile did remind everyone that Jim Finan cannot be condemned for the sins of the past.

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL FUND**

Kevin Spilman made the motion to approve and sign Ordinance 2012-4 and Ordinance creating the Rush County Animal Control Fund. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **COUNTY ELECTED TRAINING FUND**

Jerry Kent made the motion to approve and sign Ordinance 2012-5 and Ordinance creating the Rush County Elected Officials Training Fund. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Bruce Levi. Warren Norris seconded the motion, motion carried.

/s/Gerald Mohr

Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/Warren Norris

Warren Norris

/s/Norman Winkler

Norman Winkler

/s/Janet Kile

Janet Kile

/s/Bruce Levi

Bruce Levi

/s/Kevin Spilman

Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent

Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams

Deborah C. Adams, Auditor